



Chairman's Remarks

Happy Easter Everybody! Well, we have been up and running for over six months since restarting in September. The Committee and I have been working hard to ensure that Paignton U3A will emerge from the lockdowns as a more vibrant and stronger U3A.

Next Tuesday 12 April is our AGM (Livermead House Hotel at 11am) where you can see how far we have come in getting our Groups meeting again and some new Groups starting. Members from the past, re-joining and several new members each month too. We will continue to grow over the next year as the country opens up and we can all return to our normal lives.

I want to thank you for your support over the last six months or so and hope to see your familiar faces at our monthly meetings. We are hoping to arrange for some new and interesting speakers in the coming months.

Thank you again for your support,

Carole Giffen

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Remember this month's meeting is our AGM, come along and thank the 'outgoing' committee and welcome the 'incoming' committee. Remember NO ONE gets paid for leading our group, so, support them, ask them, and encourage them in their new role.

Remember the u3a mantra – **“by the members for the members.”**

When you come this month, there is NO 'door fee' to pay, BUT, you will be required to WRITE your name and then SIGN your name in the 'AGM' attendance book; then you can vote, if you need to!!!!

There is NO 'door fee' as it is the AGM, but coffee and tea can be bought in the room, and, of course,

the bar in the hotel is open!!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR & DISTRIBUTION –

remember last month we mentioned our very grateful thanks to KATE PARSONS for her years of fulfilling many roles, including newsletter editor, so, now we NEED someone to compile the newsletter and also - could be the same person – to distribute to all members who have their email addresses registered with us, to help Brenda, to whom we are very grateful, and her helpful family members!!

AGEING WELL FESTIVAL

Well it's BACK, now that normality is returning (??),

So the AGEING WELL FESTIVAL, which will be the sixth funded by National Lottery, will be the last in the present format, although other

plans are being made for future years. So book SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER for the RICC in Torquay, from 10.30 till 16.00. A full day of events, acts, displays, stalls, and catering; so a great day is hoped for to celebrate the 'best of Torbay'.

Can you help with volunteering for the U3A stand, just an hour will do!! Chat to Rodger.

GROUPS

Things are beginning to happen again, some have had to be postponed for various reasons, but most are still running each month, have you started attending a group??

CANASTA

The first Canasta group will be held on Monday 25th April at 10.00. It will take place in the bar / café at the Palace Theatre in Paignton. If anybody is interested in attending this group and would like

more information, could you please contact Sue Hoggett

MAH JONG

If on a Wednesday morning you'd like to couple company with learning something new, why not come along to the Paignton Club and join us to play, or learn how to play Mah Jong, an ancient Chinese game? Our next meeting will be Wednesday 13th April at 10.30am. Everybody is welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact Sue Hoggett

MUSIC APPRECIATION

GROUP will not be meeting in April as it is a bank holiday.

May's meeting will have the theme "Spring & Summer" Geoff Simpson

SOCIAL GROUP SPECIAL

All members and interested friends are

invited to an AFTERNOON CREAM TEA on FRIDAY 10th JUNE at 16.00 in URBAN EDGE CAFÉ in Paignton. We have SOLE use of the café for this event. A variety of foods, as well as diabetic and vegan are available. All for £10.00 each, pay to show your interest, enter your name on the sheet on the table at the door. Payment to Rodger by 1st June AT THE LATEST to reserve your places.

HANDCRAFTS

Still spaces available, come along and share your ideas, patterns, current work, with a chat and cuppa. 4th Wednesday each month, contact Janette Smith.

SCRABBLE / LUNCH GROUP

The Scrabble group is up and running, now meeting 4th Wednesday at 10.00, in the café / bar area at Palace Theatre. NOTE it is

also a 'lunch' as well!! As the theatre is NOT charging for the use of the café, members are encouraged to stay and have lunch as well.

THEATRE VISIT

We have secured some seats at the **BABBACOMBE THEATRE** for their afternoon summer show on **WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST** at 14.30. Again they have given us a '2 4 1' offer, £12.00 per seat!! What an offer, so please place your name on the sheet on the table at the door.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Many members have been asking about 'trips and events', what is happening.....We have had some quotations for coaches to go to Taunton Flower Show in August. Tavistock Goose Fair in September and

Bridgewater Carnival later in the year...**BUT THE QUOTED PRICES!!!!** To go to Taunton, **IF ALL SEATS ARE FULL** would be £14.20 or £25.80, depending on the size of the coach, and that's before any entrance fee!! **IF YOU ARE INTERSTED** in trips like this, please place your name on the sheet at the door, and your committee will re-consider the situation!!!!

QUOTEABLE QUOTES

from who knows where!!

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed by will never return again. Enjoy every moment of your life.

If someone seriously wants to be part of your life, they will seriously make an effort to be part of it. No reasons, No excuses.

Sometimes, the person who's been there for everyone else needs someone to be there for them.